



TEMPLETON

Worcester County



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NARRATIVE

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Templeton is a rural community with significant historic architecture. The town has four villages; Templeton, East Templeton, Baldwinville and Otter River. The town has some industry, including paper and printing. The major part of the labor force commutes to Gardner and points east on Route 2. Templeton is part of the Narragansett Regional School District. A very broad recreation base is enjoyed by the community with the Otter River State Forest continuing over the town border into neighboring Winchendon. The Fernald School for mentally challenged adults is situated in the town.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

North central Massachusetts, bordered by Royalston and Winchendon on the north, Gardner on the east, Hubbardston on the southeast, and Phillipston on the west. Templeton is 5 miles west of Gardner, 15 miles west of Fitchburg, 62 miles northwest of Boston, and 212 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 32.42 sq. miles

Land Area: 32.04 sq. miles

Population: 6,438

Density: 201 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Tully Lake Station)

Normal temperature in January.....18.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....69.3°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.1"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Templeton, Winchendon, Athol, Barre

Regional Planning Agency

Montachusett

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Fitchburg-Leominster



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 939-8801

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1762

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%
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Total Registered 3,310

Democrats 965 29.2 % Republicans 348 10.5 % Other parties 1 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 1,996 60.3 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Templeton town, Worcester County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	6,799	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	6,799	100.0
Male.....	3,417	50.3	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	98	1.4
Female.....	3,382	49.7	Mexican.....	22	0.3
Under 5 years.....	457	6.7	Puerto Rican.....	37	0.5
5 to 9 years.....	494	7.3	Cuban.....	4	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	531	7.8	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	35	0.5
15 to 19 years.....	428	6.3	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	6,701	98.6
20 to 24 years.....	274	4.0	White alone.....	6,615	97.3
25 to 34 years.....	834	12.3	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,279	18.8	Total population.....	6,799	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,012	14.9	In households.....	6,529	96.0
55 to 59 years.....	346	5.1	Householder.....	2,411	35.5
60 to 64 years.....	269	4.0	Spouse.....	1,458	21.4
65 to 74 years.....	458	6.7	Child.....	2,075	30.5
75 to 84 years.....	312	4.6	Own child under 18 years.....	1,601	23.5
85 years and over.....	105	1.5	Other relatives.....	251	3.7
Median age (years).....	38.0	(X)	Under 18 years.....	93	1.4
18 years and over.....	5,022	73.9	Nonrelatives.....	334	4.9
Male.....	2,501	36.8	Unmarried partner.....	176	2.6
Female.....	2,521	37.1	In group quarters.....	270	4.0
21 years and over.....	4,843	71.2	Institutionalized population.....	254	3.7
62 years and over.....	1,028	15.1	Noninstitutionalized population.....	16	0.2
65 years and over.....	875	12.9	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	363	5.3	Total households.....	2,411	100.0
Female.....	512	7.5	Family households (families).....	1,809	75.0
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	852	35.3
One race.....	6,760	99.4	Married-couple family.....	1,458	60.5
White.....	6,673	98.1	With own children under 18 years.....	652	27.0
Black or African American.....	24	0.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	226	9.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	15	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	130	5.4
Asian.....	19	0.3	Nonfamily households.....	602	25.0
Asian Indian.....	4	0.1	Householder living alone.....	474	19.7
Chinese.....	-	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	229	9.5
Filipino.....	3	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	928	38.5
Japanese.....	2	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	567	23.5
Korean.....	3	-	Average household size.....	2.71	(X)
Vietnamese.....	4	0.1	Average family size.....	3.09	(X)
Other Asian ¹	3	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	2,597	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	2,411	92.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	186	7.2
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	105	4.0
Some other race.....	29	0.4	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.7	(X)
Two or more races.....	39	0.6	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	5.5	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	2,411	100.0
White.....	6,706	98.6	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,996	82.8
Black or African American.....	34	0.5	Renter-occupied housing units.....	415	17.2
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	27	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.81	(X)
Asian.....	32	0.5	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.21	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	46	0.7			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 60

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The principal highway of northern Worcester county is State Route 2, which runs across northern Massachusetts. State Route 140 and Interstate 190 connect the region to Worcester. The Springfield Terminal Railway line (the former Boston and Maine Railroad) parallels Route 2 and provides access to the network of intermodal facilities serving central and eastern Massachusetts.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 2, which runs E-W across northern Massachusetts, State Route 101, and U.S. Route 202.

Rail

Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (978) 663-1073.

Bus

Templeton is a member of the Montachusett Regional Transit Authority (MRTA). There are two fixed routes; LINK run by MART plus a Dial-A-Ride system open to all. MRTA provides paratransit services to the elderly and disabled through the Council on Aging.

Other

The Gardner Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has a 3,000'x 75' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

Narragansett Historical Society

The Common

(978) 939-8762

MUSEUMS

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)

[The UMass Dartmouth Theatre Company](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

Baldwinville Nursing Home

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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